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SUBJ: POSSIBLE MOVES ON ISRAEL UNGA SUSPENSION ISSUE

AT OAU KAMPALA MEETINGS

REF: (A) STATE 169463; (B) STATE 170841

1. EMBOFF, IN CAPACITY AS CHARGE, CALLED ON ASST SECY GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY YAYOULET JULY 25 AND MADE POINTS REF A REGARDING SUBJECT ISSUE. IN ADDITION TO LEAVING AIDE-MEMOIRE COVERING POINTS REF A, EMBOFF ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO LEAVE FRENCH TEXT OF SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH (REF B) AND SAID THAT AHBASSADOR WOULD BE DISCUSSING ISSUES RAISED IN SPEECH WITH APPROPRIATE GABONESE OFFICIALS AT LATER DATE.

2. YAYOULET SAID THAT HE WOULD GIVE AIDE-MEMOIRE AND SPEECH TO ACTING MINISTER AND UNDERLINE CHIEF CONCERNS OF USG. HE WAS SURE MINISTER WOULD THEN DISCUSS ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT BONGO. WHILE HE OF COURSE COULD NOT SAY WHAT FINAL GABONESE POSITION WOULD BE, SINCE THAT WOULD BE DECIDED BY PRESIDENT, YAYOULET SAID THAT GABON'S BASIC POSITION IS THAT DIALOGUE IMPORTANT, THAT COUNTRIES HAVE RIGHT TO EXPLAIN THEIR VIEWS, AND THAT UN IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY INTERNATIONAL FORUM.

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3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT BONGO WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION
AT KAMPALA ON THIS AND ANY OTHER ISSUE. WHILE DIALOGUE
IS ONE OF PRESIDENT'S BASIC TENETS AND HIS INSTINCTS
WOULD LIKELY BE TO OPPOSE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL, PRESIDENT
UNLIKELY TO OPPOSE RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT IF LARGE MAJORITY
OF COUNTRIES BACK IT, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT
REVELATIONS ABOUT GABON AND RHODESIA. HOWEVER, IF SIGNIFICANT
NUMBER OF STATES OPPOSE SUCH RESOLUTION, EMBASSY WOULD
NOT BE SURPRISED TO FIND GABON AMONG THEM.
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